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TAGS: SNAR, AF
SUBJECT: SOME GOOD NEWS FROM THE OPIUM FRONT IN AFGHANISTAN

1. OFFICIAL AMERICAN OBSERVERS HAVE NOTED THAT OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION ALONG THE JALALABAD-TORKHAM HIGHWAY HAS BEEN REDUCED CONSIDERABLY THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1977 WHEN POPPIES BLEW PROFUSELY, FIELD UPON FIELD, WITHIN SIGHT OF TRAVELLERS. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT THERE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE AS MUCH PRODUCTION AS LAST YEAR IN OTHER REGIONS OF NANGARHAR PROVINCE, BUT FURTHER OBSERVATION WILL BE NECESSARY FOR CONFIRMATION.

2. COMMENT: THE EMBASSY IS GRATIFIED THAT AFGHAN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AT LEAST MAKING A DENT IN THE HEAVY PRODUCTION OF NANGARHAR, THE LEADING SOURCE OF AFGHAN OPIUM. SENSITIVE TO INTERNATIONAL CRITICISM, THEY HAVE ENDEAVORED TO EXERCISE GOVERN-
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MENT AUTHORITY IN THE AREAS MOST DIRECTLY UNDER KABUL'S CONTROL (I.E., THE ROADWAY) WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE QUID PRO QUO OF BALANCING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THESE OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT THE GOING HAS BEEN HARD, PARTICULARLY IN THE TOUGH SHINWARI TRIBAL REGION NEAR THE KHYBER PASS, WHERE LITTLE, IF ANY, SUCCESS HAS BEEN NOTED -- OR EXPECTED.
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